

National Park Service



Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program

FY 2011 GRANT AWARDS

Please note: projects are listed by the states of the grant recipients. In some cases—marked with an asterisk (*)—the grant recipient is from one state and the confinement site associated with the project is in another.

ARIZONA

Grant Recipient: Arizona State University (Tempe, AZ)

Project Title: Japanese American Internment in Arizona Oral History Website

Amount of Grant Award: \$18,635

Confinement Site(s): Colorado River Relocation Center (Poston), La Paz County, AZ; Gila River Relocation Center, Pinal County, AZ

Description: The University's Asian Pacific American Studies Program will process and post to its website 85 oral history interviews with former internees at Poston and Gila River relocation centers, as well as others in the surrounding community.

*Under California, see the Poston Community Alliance project, "Poston's Mothers and Babies: A Film on Domestic Life in Camp."

ARKANSAS

Grant Recipient: Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, AR)

Project Title: Rohwer Relocation Center Interpretive Project, Phase II

Amount of Grant Award: \$93,155

Confinement Site(s): Rohwer Relocation Center, Desha County, AR

Description: Educational kiosks, interpretive panels and directional signage will be designed, fabricated and installed at Rohwer. An audio tour also will be recorded.

Grant Recipient: Central Arkansas Library System (Little Rock, AR)

Project Title: Rosalie Gould Rohwer Collection Preservation

Amount of Grant Award: \$67,821

Confinement Site(s): Rohwer Relocation Center, Desha County, AR

Description: Artwork created by internees at Rohwer Relocation Center will be preserved, matted and framed and featured on a website and during an exhibition.

Grant Recipient: University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Project Title: Rohwer Relocation Camp Cemetery Preservation

Amount of Grant Award: \$250,000

Confinement Site(s): Rohwer Relocation Center, Desha County, AR

Description: Headstones, monuments and flower holders in the Rohwer Relocation Camp Cemetery, which is a National Historic Landmark, will be stabilized and restored.

CALIFORNIA

Grant Recipient: CyArk (Oakland, CA)

Project Title: Digital Documentation and Virtual Tour of Japanese American Confinement Sites

Amount of Grant Award: \$240,611

Confinement Site(s): Central Utah Relocation Center (Topaz), Millard County, UT; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, CA; Tule Lake Segregation Center, Modoc County, CA

Description: CyArk will digitally preserve Tule Lake, Topaz, and Manzanar camps through interactive 3D reconstructions and make them available on a web portal and mobile applications.

Grant Recipient: Japanese American Museum of San Jose (JAMsj) (San Jose, CA)

Project Title: World War II Internment: Lessons from the Past for the Future

Amount of Grant Award: \$132,900

Confinement Site(s): 10 WRA Camps: Multiple Counties, States; and Crystal City Internment Camp, Zavala County, TX

Description: The museum will redesign exhibits, using state-of-the art technology and interactive materials, to enhance, especially for students, the understanding of Japanese American incarceration at 11 internment sites.

Grant Recipient: KEET-TV (Eureka, CA)

Project Title: J.A. Jive! Jazz Music in the Japanese American Internment Camps

Amount of Grant Award: \$96,465

Confinement Site(s): Multiple Sites: Multiple Counties, States

Description: KEET-TV, a PBS station, will produce, promote, broadcast, and distribute an hour-long documentary about the numerous jazz bands, and the internees who sang or played in them, created at assembly centers and camps.

Grant Recipient: Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corp. (Los Angeles, CA)

Project Title: Stone Ishimaru's War Relocation Authority Camp Images Archive

Amount of Grant Award: \$179,156

Confinement Site(s): 10 WRA Camps: Multiple Counties, States

Description: Approximately 5,000 photographic negatives taken by Mr. Ishimaru at 10 internment camps will be preserved and converted to digital format.

Grant Recipient: Manzanar Committee, Inc. (Los Angeles, CA)

Project Title: We Said, 'No, No'

Amount of Grant Award: \$113,000

Confinement Site(s): Tule Lake Segregation Center: Modoc County, CA

Description: A documentary film titled "We Said, "No-No," will be produced, focusing on the loyalty questionnaire distributed to Japanese American internees, civil disobedience and the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

Grant Recipient: National Japanese American Historical Society (San Francisco, CA)

Project Title: Historic Inquiry and Place-Based Learning in Japanese American Confinement Sites

Amount of Grant Award: \$85,200

Confinement Site(s): Bainbridge Island/Egledale Ferry Dock, Kitsap County, WA; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, CA; Sacramento Assembly Center, Sacramento County, CA; Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, San Mateo County, CA; Tule Lake Segregation Center: Modoc County, CA

Description: The Society will develop a curriculum package and, using confinement site visits, train 67 secondary school teachers how to present place-based classroom programs about Japanese American internment.

Grant Recipient: Poston Community Alliance (Lafayette, CA)

Project Title: Poston's Mothers and Babies: A Film on Domestic Life in Camp

Amount of Grant Award: \$61,880

Confinement Site(s): Colorado River Relocation Center (Poston), La Paz County, AZ

Description: The nonprofit Poston Community Alliance will produce a documentary film on the lives of mothers interned at Poston, Arizona, and children born there.

Grant Recipient: University of California, Berkeley

Project Title: The Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement: A Digital Archive

Amount of Grant Award: \$220,493

Confinement Site(s): 10 WRA Camps: Multiple Counties, States

Description: The Bancroft Library will create a comprehensive digital archive of holdings in its Japanese American Evacuation and Resettlement Study Records, 1930-1974.

Grant Recipient: University of California, Berkeley

Project Title: The Japanese American Internment/World War II American Homefront Oral History Project

Amount of Grant Award: \$50,000

Confinement Site(s): Multiple Sites: Multiple Counties, States

Description: The Regional Oral History Office of the Bancroft Library will conduct 40 hours of video oral history interviews with about 20 former Japanese American internees.

Award: \$50,000

COLORADO

Grant Recipient: Colorado Preservation, Inc. (Denver, CO)

Project Title: Amache Water Tank Restoration, Water Tower Restoration, and Guard Tower Reconstruction

Amount of Grant Award: \$291,025

Confinement Site(s): Granada Relocation Center (Amache), Prowers County, CO

Description: An architect, engineer, contractor and archeologist will be hired to reconstruct a water tower and guard tower. Interpretive panels will be fabricated and installed.

HAWAII

Grant Recipient: Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (Honolulu, HI)

Project Title: Honouliuli Confinement Site Educational Tours Program

Amount of Grant Award: \$38,565

Confinement Site(s): Honouliuli Internment Camp, Ewa, Honolulu County, HI

Description: Guides will be hired and trained to conduct tours to the access-restricted Honouliuli confinement site; the project also will result in a tour brochure and report evaluating this pilot program.

IDAHO

Grant Recipient: Friends of Minidoka (Twin Falls, ID)

Project Title: Civil Liberties Symposium: Patriotism, Honor and Sacrifice

Amount of Grant Award: \$20,000

Confinement Site(s): Minidoka Relocation Center, Jerome County, ID

Description: A symposium titled “Patriotism, Honor and Sacrifice” will focus on civil liberty issues, the Japanese American experience, and Minidoka Relocation Center.

Grant Recipient: University of Idaho (Moscow, ID)

Project Title: Kooskia Internment Camp Archaeological Project

Amount of Grant Award: \$6,176

Confinement Site(s): Kooskia Internment Camp, Idaho County, ID

Description: Students and faculty will catalog and interpret artifacts recovered from Kooskia. Artifacts will be displayed at an open house and an “archeology day” near the site.

ILLINOIS

Grant Recipient: Chicago Japanese American Historical Society (Glenview, IL)

Project Title: Conservation of the Chicago Japanese American Historical Society Archival Materials

Amount of Grant Award: \$5,000

Confinement Site(s): Multiple Sites: Multiple Counties, States

Description: Two interns will be hired to preserve the society’s collection of magazines, newspapers and other artifacts dealing with Japanese Americans in Chicago during the 1930s, at the internment camps and during resettlement in the Chicago area after the war.

MINNESOTA

Grant Recipient: Asian Media Access, Inc. (Minneapolis, MN)

Project Title: The Registry: A Documentary Film about the Military Intelligence Service Language School in Minnesota

Amount of Grant Award: \$75,000

Confinement Site(s): Crystal City Internment Camp, Zavala County, TX; Gila River Relocation Center, Pinal County, AZ; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo county, CA; and 8 other internment sites

Description: A public television documentary will be produced featuring Japanese Americans, some from internment camps, who served in the Pacific during World War II as interrogators, interpreters, and linguists with the Military Intelligence Service.

NEW MEXICO

Grant Recipient: Japanese American Citizens League, New Mexico Chapter (Los Lunas, NM)

Project Title: New Mexico Japanese American Internment Sites History, Interpretation and Education Project

Amount of Grant Award: \$54,077

Confinement Site(s): Camp Lordsburg, Hidalgo County, NM; Fort Stanton, Lincoln County, NM; Old Raton Ranch (Raton Ranch Civilian Detention Station), Santa Fe County, NM; Santa Fe Internment Camp, Santa Fe County, NM

Description: A traveling exhibit will be designed, as well as a website, historical markers, and public outreach brochure on New Mexico internment sites at Santa Fe, Lordsburg, Fort Stanton, and the Old Raton Ranch (Raton Ranch Civilian Detention Station).

UTAH

*Under California, see the CyArk project, “Digital Documentation and Virtual Tour of Japanese American Confinement Sites,” which includes Topaz Relocation Center.

WASHINGTON

Grant Recipient: Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project (Seattle, WA)

Project Title: Digital Archive System for Community Organizations

Amount of Grant Award: \$262,980

Confinement Site(s): Multiple Sites: Multiple Counties, States

Description: Tools and training will be provided for four partnering organizations to add 40,000 objects to a digital repository related to confinement sites. A kit will be developed to help other organizations become future partners.

Grant Recipient: Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project (Seattle, WA)

Project Title: Teach the Teachers

Amount of Grant Award: \$281,733

Confinement Site(s): 10 WRA Camps: Multiple Counties, States

Description: A curriculum package will be created and workshops held to train 600 teachers in classroom strategies to enhance student learning about the incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Grant Recipient: Washington State University (Pullman, WA)

Project Title: Digitizing and Preserving the George and Frank Hirahara Photograph Collection

Amount of Grant Award: \$49,217

Confinement Site(s): Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County, WY

Description: A finding aid for the Hirahara collection of film, prints, artifacts and 950 negatives taken between 1942 and 1945 at Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Wyoming. In addition, negatives will be preserved, an online digital collection created and contextualized, and a curriculum based on the collection crafted for five undergraduate courses.

WYOMING

Grant Recipient: Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office (Cheyenne, WY)

Project Title: Restoration of the Heart Mountain Boiler House Chimney

Amount of Grant Award: \$215,911

Confinement Site(s): Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County, WY

Description: A 75-foot-high chimney, part of the boiler house at the Heart Mountain Relocation Center hospital complex, will be permanently restored, and an interpretive panel and brochure created.

*Under Washington, see the Washington State University project, "Digitizing and Preserving the George and Frank Hirahara Photograph Collection," which involves Heart Mountain Relocation Center.